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LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: PPPA Protocol Revisions

DATE OF MEETING: June 1, 1995

PLACE: Room 714, East West Towers, Bethesda, MD

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COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES: Commissioner Thomas Moore, Pamela Weller (COTM), Michael Gougisha (COTM), Eric Rubel (OGC), Suzanne Barone (EHPS)

NON-COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES: Members of the Coalition for Responsible Packaging; Jack McMackin and Sally Pfund (Williams and Jensen), William Bradley and Eve Bachrach (Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association), Darla Williamson (Closure Manufacturers Association), Peter Mayberry (Healthcare Compliance Packaging Council).

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The representatives of the Coalition for Responsible Packaging (Coalition) discussed the negotiations with CPSC staff (Eric Rubel and Robert Wager). The Coalition presented three issues that were considered unresolved. These include, the age range of the test participants, the sequential test, and the timing of implementation.

Mr. McMackin stated that there was consensus among its members that 45-70 years of age is an appropriate age group. Mr. McMackin stated that the Coalition requests that the test be comprised of a single panel of 100 participants with a 90% standard like the existing test. They stated that the sequential test increases the cost and stringency of the test. The Coalition also requests an 18 month exemption following the one year effective date. The additional 6 months is requested because of differences in opinion about discretionary exemption criteria. The Coalition had concerns that the proposed exemptions to product manufacturers would not give adequate relief to closure manufacturers.

In addition to these three issues, Peter Mayberry of the HCPC discussed the children's use of teeth to open unit packaging. He requested that the permissive statement (You can use your teeth if you want to) be eliminated from the child test.

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